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THE UNITED STATES CREAM SEPARATORS, which have gained such an enviable reputation for their superiority over all competitors, both in exhaustive skimming and perfection of manufacture, are still further improved for

1900 or the New Century

The capacities have been very materially increased. An increase of 20 per cent. was made in 1898 over former capacities. Again increased 20 per cent. in 1899, and are still further increased 25 per cent. for 1900.

A further improvement for 1900 is the construction of the internal bowls or cups, which are made corrugated in place of the smooth cups. With the corrugated cups, the flush of the cream from the separator at the close of the run is accomplished by two to four quarts of the skimmed milk.

It is not necessary to use hot water for this purpose unless through the separator. Only three parts to the bowl. This construction of the cups overcomes the last criticism that our competitors can make. Competitors have frankly admitted that the United States Separator was decidedly the best skimmer on the market, but have tried, in their efforts to sell their machines, to make a great bugbear of using hot water to flush the bowl.

The new corrugated cups flush perfectly. No cream is left around the central tube, or between a multiplicity of discs, as the United States has neither discs and central tubes, nor central tubes.

To meet the demand for an inexpensive separator by those who have only a few cows, there was placed upon the market two new sizes of United States Separators, the No. 8, with a capacity of 225 to 250 lbs. of milk per hour, and the No. 9, with a capacity of 150 to 175 lbs. per hour.

These are light machines and especially adapted to meet the needs of dairymen with a few cows, and yet they are not made cheaply. While they are light they are strong and well made and especially adapted for small dairies.

They have enclosed gears, which have made our larger sizes of Dairy Separators so popular.

They have ball bearings and therefore are light running, and the bowl, being small in diameter, makes them very easy to operate.

We have made the prices of these machines low to place them in the reach of all who desire a separator, yet they are cheap in price only. They have low substantial frames and are made in the same thorough manner and with the same fine workmanship, and do the same work as the larger sizes, which have won on their merits such an enviable reputation all over the country.

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No. 9, 150 to 175 lbs. per hour,	\$50.00
No. 8, 225 to 250 "	65.00
No. 7, High Frame, 275 to 300 lbs. per hour,	85.00
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No. 5, " 450 to 500 "	125.00

REMEMBER, when you want anything in dairy supplies, send for illustrations and prices, stating your needs, to . . .

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State News.

The electric light power house at Biddeford was wrecked by an explosion early Wednesday morning. No one was injured. Loss about \$80,000.

C. B. Tracey's farm buildings at North Deering, occupied by Frank C. Chapman, caught fire from a stove in the dairy, Tuesday morning, and were totally destroyed. Loss, \$2,500; insurance, \$1,400.

Charles Perkins of Ogunquit was stabbed last Thursday by Willie Webber of the same place, and is in a critical condition. Webber is a young man of bad reputation, and was under the influence of liquor at the time of the assault.

WINTERPORT. The corn is about all shipped from the factory and books are out for next year's acreage.—Frank Grant is building a new henhouse 15x30 and has about 300 hens.—Mr. George Clarke has moved on to the John Miller place and will make farming his business.

Another murder is registered against Aroostook county. This time it is in Sheridan Plantation near Ashland. Leon Deprey and Philip Soucie, both hard characters, engaged in a drunken row at the home of the latter, and Deprey attacked Soucie with an axe, inflicting a fatal wound. The murderer has not been captured.

MADISON. The little child of Mrs. Mabel Gilman is quite ill with pneumonia.—Byron Frederick, little son of Willie Frederick, is critically ill with bronchial pneumonia.—Miss Hazel Lord, daughter of Herbert Lord, entertained a party of little folks at her home the 21st, to celebrate her 4th birthday.—Frank V. Gilman has gone to California to spend the winter on account of his health.—Lynn Viles brought home two fine deer recently.

PAINEVILLE. December 1st, people were greeted by the unusual spectacle of a man plowing the ground, it being in as good condition for plowing as it usually is the first of November.—Quite an interest is evinced in the corn factory to be built in Pittsfield the coming season. Nearly all in this vicinity agree to plant corn, some four acres or more.—The rain of Friday night and Saturday forenoon is the first rain that has done much towards wetting the ground; many wells are still dry.—The two hay presses of the Parks brothers are very active this fall; too much so for the benefit of the farms.

BRIDGTON. Hunters are plenty, and deer also. There were nine killed the same day in Sweden a short time ago.—A bear has been seen between Harrison and No. Bridgton, which scared one horse very badly. The driver lost control of the horse and it ran some ways before he could manage it.—Howard Hilton and Weston Hobbs have begun their logging job in Fryeburg.—The threshers were in the Burnham neighborhood last week.—Mr. Dr. Frank A. Mitchell and son have gone to California to spend the winter.—Chas. Ingalls slaughtered a hog which dressed nearly 350 lbs.—Henry Emerson has taken some spruce to cut and haul at South Bridgton.

WASHINGTON. A very bad accident occurred here Saturday afternoon to Willie Mears, son of B. H. Mears, while out hunting. He accidentally discharged his gun, the entire charge going through his leg near his body. Ben Lincoln was with him; he took off his suspenders and corded his leg, then went to the village for help. He was taken to his home and lived but a short time. Four doctors were present but could do nothing. His mother was so stricken with grief that her recovery is doubtful.—Hattie Sykes, who died in Augusta last Thursday, was brought here for interment Saturday. Funeral services were held at the residence of her brother, Alonzo L. Grotton at North Washington, Saturday afternoon. Rev. John Pettigill of Jefferson officiated.

Lowell, Mass., accompanied by a friend, spent last week in town. Mr. Orlas Bartlett of Boston was in town last week, called here by the death of his nephew, H. O. Bartlett.

General News.

A serious railroad accident occurred last week at Peterson, N. J., in which six persons were killed outright and a score or more seriously injured.

A fire last week, in Philadelphia, destroyed about \$2,000,000 worth of property. The chief losers were the firm of Partridge & Richardson, conducting one of the largest department stores in the city, and the J. P. Lippincott Publishing Co.

A telegram received Monday, at the office of the Money & Bond Detective Agency, Chicago, states that Wm. F. Miller, accused of having been connected with the Franklin Syndicate swindle in New York, has been arrested at Montreal by the agency's operatives, who have been pursuing the fugitive since his disappearance, 10 days ago.

The severest battle of the South African campaign thus far was fought at Modder River, Nov. 28. The battle raged fiercely for nearly 14 hours and apparently nothing was accomplished, neither did the Boers were still holding the trenches from which the British had endeavored all day to drive them. But during the night the British evacuated the position, and the British army crossed the river and encamped on the site of the Boer camp. The loss of life on both sides was heavy.

The capture by Lieut. Monroe, and 50 men of the Fourth cavalry of the Filipino general, Canon, with 800 officers and men with rifles, several American and 70 Spanish prisoners at Buaybong, province of Nueva Vizcaya, was a successful bluff. Lieut. Monroe, having the rebels wire, telegraphed to Canon that he was advancing with a large force and demanded his surrender. After negotiations, Canon consented to capitulate to the rebels, whereupon Lieut. Monroe telegraphed that he would enter the town with a small guard and receive the garrison's surrender. He captured the whole Filipino force and secured their arms, the rebels supposing that Monroe had an army behind him.

The 50th Congress met on Monday, and large crowds gathered to witness the opening scenes in the House. A monster petition against the admission of Roberts of Utah, containing about 7,000,000 names and consisting of 28 rolls, 2 ft. in diameter, was brought in early in the day and stacked in front of the clerk's desk. Taylor of Ohio and McKee of Arkansas united in a protest against admitting the oath to Roberts, a resolution to that effect being presented, but the consideration of the resolution was postponed until the next day.

Gen. David B. Henderson of Iowa was chosen Speaker of the House. As a tribute to the memory of the late Vice-President, the House and Senate adjourned after transacting only necessary business.

The currency bill introduced by the Republican members of the Senate finance committee will probably absorb the attention of Congress during the early days of the session.

In view of the slow but apparently certain advance of the bubonic plague into the western world, the United States marine hospital service has taken extraordinary measures to prevent its introduction into this country. Superintendent Surg. Gen. Wyman has directed that 15 surgeons of the marine hospital service be stationed at the consulates in London, Liverpool, Southampton, Queenstown, Hamburg, Glasgow, Havre, Genoa, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Bremen and Marseilles. Some of these surgeons have already been ordered to depart.

Three of the 15 surgeons detailed for this special duty are already at their posts, Cadix and Barcelona, Spain, and Naples, Italy. The 12 other surgeons are to be stationed at the consulates in London, Liverpool, Southampton, Queenstown, Hamburg, Glasgow, Havre, Genoa, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Bremen and Marseilles. Some of these surgeons have already been ordered to depart.

Every day affords new proofs of the beneficent effects of Park-Kill's Kidney Pills. A disordered condition of the stomach, liver and bowels is combined with great debility, nervous weakness, and intense melancholy, effects are most beneficial and would be kept in mind by every family. Park-Kill's Kidney Pills, 25c. and 50c.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

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to elect whether they will remain citizens of Spain or become citizens of Cuba. By that time the result of the census will be tabulated and we shall proceed to provide for elections which will commit the municipal government of the island to the officers elected by the people.

In the meantime and so long as we exercise control over the island the products of Cuba should have a market in the United States on as good terms as are given to the products of any other island.

For the relief of the distressed in the island of Cuba the war department has issued supplies to destitute persons which amounted to \$493,000 rations at a cost of \$1,417,564.07.

The Cuban volunteer army and the interest of public peace there was disbursed \$2,547,750, paid from the emergency fund provided for that purpose. Out of the Cuban island revenues during the six months ending June 30, 1899, \$1,712,042.20 was expended for sanitation, \$293,881.70 for charities and hospitals, and \$88,944.02 for aid of the destitute.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE. In response to the invitation of his majesty the Emperor of Russia a conference was held at St. Petersburg, the peace conference at The Hague.

The occasion seemed opportune for the serious consideration of a plan for the pacific adjustment of international differences and a model project for a permanent international tribunal.

The final act of that conference, in short, provided for maintenance of general peace, the exercise of good offices and mediation, formation of commissions of inquiry and international arbitration.

THE ARMY. Since my last message and in obedience to acts of congress the remaining volunteer force enlisted for the Spanish war has been discharged.

The regular army has been increased to 61,999 enlisted men and 2243 officers, and new volunteer regiments have been organized aggregating 33,050 men and 1524 officers.

The force in Manila consists of 149 officers and 45,966 men. When the troops now under orders shall reach Manila the force will comprise 2051 officers and 63,483 men.

The master out of the great volunteer army and the creation of a new army has been the work of great magnitude, well and ably done, for which too much credit can not be given the war department.

During the year past the force in Cuba and Porto Rico has been reduced to a total of 421 officers and 13,951 men.

THE NAVY. The message refers to the "spirit and high efficiency" which has characterized the service and the pride of the nation in its achievements.

The president says the people will justify liberal appropriations, and he unites with the secretary in recommending that congress enact such special legislation as may be necessary to enable the department to make repairs early in the coming year for armor plate of that best quality that can be obtained in this country for the Maine, Ohio and Missouri, and that the act limiting the price of armor to \$300 per ton be removed.

PENSION DEPARTMENT. The pensioners of the United States in all wars, July 30, 1899, numbered 191,519. The number added during the year was 40,991; the number dropped from all causes was 43,136.

The amount disbursed for army and navy pensions during the year was \$128,355,052.36, which was \$1,851,461.61 less than the appropriations. The president, in accordance with the wish of the national encampment, G. A. R., recommends the modification of the act of June 12, 1892, which prescribes the amount of income that determines pensionable status of a dependent widow.

The president recommends that the amount of income allowed independent of the proceeds of her daily labor should not be less than \$500 per annum, and he recommends that the act of June 12, 1892, be amended so as to make this provision.

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Grange News.

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State Overseer,
F. S. ADAMS, Bowdoin.
State Lecturer,
ELIJAH COOK, Vassalboro.
State Secretary,
E. H. LIBBY, Auburn, Dirigo P. O.
Executive Committee,
OBADIAH GARDNER, Rockland.
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Hon. B. F. BRIGGS, Auburn.
L. W. JOSE, Dexter.
D. O. BOWEN, Morrill.
BOYDEN BRANCH, East Edgemoor.
Grange Gatherings.
Dec. 13—Kennebec Pomona, Winslow.
Dec. 14—Lincoln Pomona, Alna.
Dec. 20—Somerset Pomona, Fairbairn.
Dec. 14—York Pomona, North Alfred.
Dec. 19—Maine State Grange, Augusta.
Lecturer Cook's Appointments.
Dec. 12, Monticello.

Excelsior Pomona grange, No. 4, P. of N. will hold the regular meeting with North Franklin grange at Phillips, Thursday, Dec. 14th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The members of Progressive grange are feeling much encouraged over the prospect of a great revival; backsliders are returning and taking part in the work and new members are coming in. Two applications for membership were received at the meeting last Friday meeting.

State Deputy Alton Holway organized a new grange at Plymouth Saturday with 34 charter members. Master, M. J. Dow; Lecturer, Mrs. N. E. Stewart; Secretary, F. H. Rollins. Penobscot county with its large number of good granges should, and I have no doubt, will welcome this new grange which has a very bright prospect before it.

At its next meeting Sebastook grange, Newport, is to discuss "What constitutes an up-to-date farmer?" with Bro. R. H. Libby and O. Gilman presenting their views, as well as others. The occasion is likely to be of interest to the members, and it is probable that Mr. Libby will have a lot of up-to-date ideas to express on this occasion as well as on similar ones heretofore held.

The members of Enterprise grange and their families partook of a Thanksgiving supper at their hall in Richmond, Thursday evening, followed by an entertainment. The meeting was opened with a very pleasing address by Bro. C. H. Reed, subject, "Be Thankful for What You Have." Readings and recitations followed. Bro. J. C. Flag entertained with many excellent graphophone selections. The children contributed to the entertainment, and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Somerset Pomona grange will hold its next regular meeting with Somerset grange, Norridgewood, Dec. 12th, 10 A. M. Business; address of welcome by Mrs. Mildred Taylor of Somerset grange; response by J. E. Downs, Northfield; music; "What are some of the most important duties that demand our attention, as farmers, this coming winter?" To be answered with a paper by the worthy Overseer of Somerset grange and discussed by the grange; "What are some of the needed reforms in the average farmer's family life?" To be answered by Olive Jones of Somerset grange with a paper and discussed by Mrs. Annette Burgess, Mrs. Kate Hilton and others; a paper by Hon. Alton Smith of Cornville, "The duties of the farmer as a citizen," followed by discussion; reading by A. O. Frederic; reading by Louis G. Savage; remarks for good of the order; closing.

"Success upon success" is what the people of Starling grange are experiencing in their series of socials this fall. On Tuesday evening, Nov. 21, there was more of a crowd than ever in attendance.

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and a fine time enjoyed by all present. Messrs. Hartford and Bryant of North Lewiston furnished the entertainment of the evening, consisting of a graphophone concert, and an illustrated lecture of our lately acquired possessions, Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Philippines and Cuba, which was very interesting and instructive. Refreshments of oysters, cake and coffee were served. Last, but not least, came the customary promenade social, and when we say that Mr. W. W. Farrington was musical director and Mr. G. M. Fellows farm manager, we think that sufficient. Mr. Fellows informs your correspondent that there were 35 couples in the grand march. While the bills were necessarily very heavy, the reader may perhaps imagine the satisfaction of the committee when they found the net proceeds to be \$14.20.

Resolutions of Respect.
Whereas, Our great Master above has removed by the hand of death, from our fraternal group, our worthy brother, E. H. Libby, we, the members of Cape Elizabeth grange, have and will our heartfelt sympathy and we point them to the Master above who doeth all things well.
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and that they be entered upon the record of our grange.

L. C. HANNAFORD, Committee.
CHAS. ELLIS JORDAN, On.
CHARLES E. JORDAN, Jr., Resolutions.

LINCOLN POMONA GRANGE.

Met with Jefferson grange, South Jefferson, Nov. 11. Although the weather was threatening, a good delegation was present from all the granges in the county except the new one recently instituted at South Newcastle. Everybody was in the harness to work, and the session proved to be one of great interest and profit. After the usual routine of business, the meeting was turned over to the lecturer, and the published programme was carried out. The choir responded with a spirited song. The address of welcome by Mrs. W. F. Hemenway was as follows:

"Brothers and Sisters of Lincoln Pomona grange: In behalf of Jefferson, I bid you all a hearty welcome to our hall, and trust this day will be another bright spot in your memory. I am not capable of writing fine speeches, like some of my brothers and sisters, but my mind is full of the interests and welfare of our noble order. We talk unthinkingly of the great good the grange is doing, and it does not occur to our minds that the grange can do no more toward educating and refining us than an empty church can do toward saving souls.

A grange is nothing without members, and members are nothing unless they are active, intelligent and earnest. In every grange there are members whose minds are rich and full of observation, and such should try to help those less fortunate. The grange is the instrument which patrons are to use in improving themselves. I do not think any of us appreciate it as we ought. I trust our new sister grange will find the benefits and pleasures some of us have found since we became grangers. Our little grange is on the increase, and I think many of them would join us if they really understood the principles of our order. Let us all work hard for improvement in the future, doing our duty cheerfully and willingly.

Our tables are spread for many to-day; Our doors are wide for those from away; Our hands we extend to those who feel And bid them a hearty welcome to Jefferson grange.

The response was by Bro. Sutton Albee. Sister Laura Wyatt gave a recitation which exhibited considerable natural ability. The discussion of the topic, "What crops are the most profitable for the farmers of Lincoln county to plant?" brought out much practical knowledge, and Bro. D. O. Stahl of Maple grange, took the opportunity to boom the company which runs the canning factory in Waldoboro. They pay 2½ mills more per pound for sweet corn than the other companies, and it was demonstrated that this cereal is, without doubt, the most profitable crop to plant. The duet sung by Bro. Walter Ruggles and wife, was very fine. A poem written for the occasion, and read by the lecturer, was as follows:

"Oh, why have we come from the hills and the
And old Lincoln county to-day?
Of what in our mind, is the thought that
prevails?
Can you tell me? Please answer, I pray.
If you came with the thought that your
coffers you'd fill,
(I know it is hard to be poor).
But if that be your mind I'm afraid in your till
The dollars and cents will be fewer.

If you've come just for fun, to laugh, chat and
eat,
That's all well enough for a change;
But more serious things in our lives we must
meet;
Let us talk of them more in the grange.

Let us not in our mind have desire arrange,
In life's race they will leave us behind,
But firm on the principles taught by the
grange.
Let us stand and work for mankind.

The committee on time, place and programme for next meeting reported as follows: Sheepscot Valley grange, Alna; time, Thursday, Dec. 14.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY POMONA.

Cumberland County Pomona was held with New Gloucester grange at New Gloucester, Nov. 18th. Meeting was called to order by the Master, S. F. Sweetser. The forenoon hour was taken up by E. J. Mitchell, Chairman of the Committee, on "Financial Cooperation," the subject being thrown open for discussion. After dinner came ladies' hour with an interesting programme.

Brother Peter Stuart of Windham, made report for the committee on taxation.

"In order to secure justice, promote the welfare of the many and establish uniformity of action among the people, to the end that future legislation may be conducted in the interest of all, instead

of a few, and believing that the farmers and small estate holders in both towns and cities in our state are bearing more than their just and equal share of the burden of taxation, that an unjust discrimination in favor of large estates and corporations now exists, and the time has arrived when the voice of the people should be heard so emphatically that legislators will be compelled to heed:

Therefore, we, the P. of H., in Pomona assembled, make and declare the following statements to be some of the grievances of which we complain, and we solemnly pledge ourselves to do all in our power as free American citizens and good patrons to secure through the next legislation that justice and equity which the people have the right to demand.

1st. That the law relating to taxation be so amended and adjusted that corporations, franchise holders of large tracts, of public lands, pay their just and equal share of taxation.

2d. That the time has come when economy should be the watchword of our next legislature.

3d. There is no necessity of creating new state or county officers or increasing the salary of either state or county officers. We would, however, recommend that the salary of the auditor of the office of Governor's Council be abolished, and that of state auditor be substituted.

4th. That the duty of the people has been fully performed when they have furnished a good public and high school, that in towns where academies exist with no high school, such academies should be entitled to their share from the state school fund when they take the place of the high school.

5th. That the salaries of the members of the legislature be increased to the extent of their expenses while in session, and the end that honest and able men (though poor) may reasonably aspire to legislative honors and not be compelled to make a sacrifice they can ill afford.

6th. That the State University has no preeminence over the colleges in the state, therefore, we fail to see why it should be longer a ward of the state.

7th. That a committee of the legislature be appointed to make a thorough inspection of all the public lands throughout the state owned by individuals and companies and report to the state assessors as soon as may be, the value of said lands, and that a just and equitable valuation may be placed on the same and that an appropriation be made to meet the expenses of said committee.

8th. That appropriations for more than two years should be made on the presumption that a fraud is being perpetrated. We stamp this mode of legislation with our unqualified disapproval.

This report was laid on the table for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. E. H. Libby here made some remarks for the good of the order which makes a very pretty ornamental entrance. The workmanship throughout is excellent, reflecting credit on the artist and the grange. It is a fine specimen of the outside the interior is made attractive in every way. The grange choir furnished excellent music which added much to the interest and pleasure of the tables with an abundance of good things.

The officers of this Grange are as follows: Master, Everett Withers; overseer, J. B. Ballard; secretary, R. A. Scribner; treasurer, W. S. Knowles; steward, C. C. Black; chaplain, Mrs. Georgia Ballard; lecturer, F. E. Garland; assistant steward, George Fletcher and Mrs. Alice Rober; Flora, Miss Beattie Tilton; Ceres, Miss M. E. Cummings; Pomona, Miss Lillian Shaw.

A grand two days' fair will be held Dec. 11 and 12 and the work of paying the balance due on the hall will be vigorous. Little change is noted in these earnest, wide-awake patrons.

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In spite of rain and terribly muddy roads fully one hundred and fifty patrons gathered at the new hall North Augusta, Saturday, Dec. 2, for the dedicatory exercises. No wonder the patrons of this nine months old grange held their heads high in air for in every part and in all equipment this is one of the best halls in the order in Maine, and the membership looks up to an even hundred and twenty-five. Located in the midst of a good farming section the membership is in full sympathy with the fundamental purpose of the order. This hall is finished in a most elegant and comfortable manner, and the interior is a scene of beauty, furniture, ample ante-rooms, dining hall and kitchen in first story, hard wood floors, large furnace, and stable for forty horses. Bros. Twitall and Fletcher of Cape Elizabeth presented the Master's and Overseer's chairs and Capital Grange 248, placed a beautiful Bible on the altar of this neighboring grange, as evidence of good fellowship and pledge of fraternity.

The total cost of this hall has been fully three thousand dollars, the lot having been donated by one of the wide-awake patrons. State Master O. Gardner, State Overseer F. S. Adams, and State Deputy G. M. Twitwell were present to aid in the exercises, the services of dedication being performed by the worthy Master, in an impressive manner. Worthy Master Withers extended a cordial welcome to friends from other granges as well as the State officers, speaking substantially as follows:

"On behalf of North Augusta Grange we bid you a hearty welcome, and extend to you the hospitality of our Grange. This is the first time we have had the honor of your presence with us, and I am sure that you will all be well appreciated. We wish to say that North Augusta Grange is becoming prosperous, our bond of union grows stronger each week. We are ambitious, we are determined to increase our membership, also to expand and develop to the utmost our resources, but in right and just ways alone. Our hall is located in a natural center of an extensive agricultural district, therefore

our continued development and prosperity will depend wholly on the prosperity of the farmer and he who does most to secure that prosperity will be considered our best friend. One year ago, a grange at North Augusta had not been thought of and only about nine months ago did we begin the canvass for names. April 6, we succeeded in organizing with 36 charter members, our motto from that time being to better ourselves, and, Aug. 11, we signed a contract with Fletcher & Robbins to erect this hall, and to-day, we are assembled in a house of our own for the first time, and we have enrolled upon our books the names of 125 members. We are all aware of the deep depression of agriculture, the hard struggle of many of our farmers to support their families, the troubles and hardships they have endured, and we are pained to add that some have felt forced to abandon their farms and seek other employment. It is also sad to note that our rural population has been decreasing but we believe a brighter day is dawning and that the grange is one factor which has brightened the farmer's prospects by helping to educate him to a higher standpoint and to a new and better system of tilling the soil, a system which demands that the successful farmer shall be a studious, thoughtful man.

"It seems that through the co-operative education of the grange we may be enabled to participate in the affairs of State and see to it that our State laws are wisely adjusted and not made to bear injuriously on many of our interests. Thanking you for your presence, let us not forget that until this community and the whole State shall be populated by prosperous farmers will the mission of the grange be complete.

G. M. Twitwell spoke at length upon the accomplishments of the grange during the past nine months, and drew a lesson for the future, saying in effect that the success of the order here, as elsewhere, would depend largely upon our conception of life and the work we have to do. If the grange starts with the high purpose to promote sociability, fraternity and the opportunity presented to love of home, a stronger love of country, and a closer connection with the science of agriculture, then it becomes not only a necessity but a factor for good that the success of the order here, as elsewhere, would depend largely upon our conception of life and the work we have to do. 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